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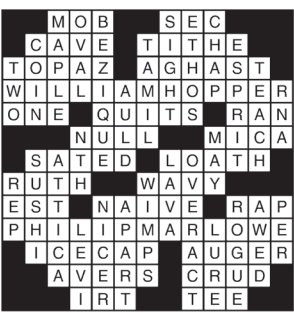
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Q: What is the weirdest date you've ever been on?



“ I was at the movie theater. My mom called me and said, ‘Where are you?’ and I said, ‘The movies,’ and she asked what theater and I answered, dumbly. Ten minutes later I saw my mom walk in, to ruin my date. ”
Marcus Bragg
Freshman, finance and accounting



“ I had to go to a guy I had only been dating for two weeks [to his] parents’ 25th wedding anniversary. ”

Brittany Johnson
Junior, marketing



“ My most awkward date was when I went to prom with a girl and spilled a drink all over her new dress. ”

Martin Carney
Freshman, English literature



“ It was a long time ago, but I rode with my boyfriend for like an hour to go to one of his drum practices and had to sit there and watch him. ”

Kelby Freeman
Junior, fine arts

THE PLANNER CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Union Program Council will bring the “Most Trusted Stranger in America,” *PostSecret.com*’s Frank Warren, to the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom at 7 p.m. Oct. 26. Everyone is invited to anonymously contribute a secret to a campus-wide art project. Postcards will be available at Counseling Services and the UPC office. Submitted postcards will be on display in the Union on Oct. 26.

The Konza Prairie Quilters Guild is presenting the “Think Pink: Quilt Show” from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout October at the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, Chalmers 001. For the event, which is in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, enter through the courtyard on 17th Street.

Lafene Health Center has seasonal flu vaccinations available for students, faculty and staff (age 18 and older). No appointment is necessary; walk in today. Check in at Lafene’s front desk. H1N1 vaccines are still not available. See Lafene’s Web site for updates and more info.

Entries are being accepted for cross country and bowling intramurals in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. The cross country meet will be at 2 p.m. Sunday. Choose Nov. 1 or 8 for bowling. Sign up in the administrative office before 5 p.m. today. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Anyone can drop off old pairs of jeans or any cotton denim items at Peters Recreation Complex. Cotton and Habitat for Humanity turns denim into housing insulation to be used on houses they rebuild in natural disaster areas. Each person who donates will receive a Vanity coupon for 25 percent off a new pair of jeans. Pick up your coupon at the service desk in the lobby when you make your donation. The drive ends Saturday. For more information, call the office at 785-532-6980. This drive is a collaborative effort between Rec Services and K-State student members of Public Relations Student Society of America.

The K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan announces the 2009 Community Service Week, which will run Oct. 24-30, and offers various sites and service projects. Students interested in volunteering can view the project descriptions and the week’s events online at k-state.edu/volunteercenter. Directions for signing up will be listed on the site. In addition to the Web site, you can visit the volunteer center on Facebook. com to sign up for Community Service Week opportunities. For more information, contact Laura Cline at 785-532-3670 or userve@ksu.edu.

Rec Services is offering a free workshop, “Running 101,” from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Sunday. This workshop is for K-State students and Peters Recreation Complex members who have the ability to run

one or more miles with little to no trouble. Sign up in the administrative office. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Career and Employment Services is promoting Applying to Graduate School at noon online on Monday. Participate in this Web-based presentation from noon to 1 p.m. and live chat session from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

Counseling Services is offering a free workshop called “Achieving a Balanced Lifestyle” from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday in the English/Counseling Services Building, Room 231.

Sensible Nutrition And Body Image Choices (SNAC) is sponsoring a free showing of “Bigger, Stronger, Faster,” a documentary on steroid usage in the United States, which will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the K-State Student Union Little Theatre.

The Planner is the Collegian’s bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Sarah Rajewski at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

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DAILY BLOTTER



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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Check out the Edge on Page 5 for a story about Adderall use.

Have you ever taken Adderall or a similar drug without a prescription for it?

A) Yes B) No C) How do you think I made it to College?

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Wednesday's results: Are you friends with any of your instructors on Facebook.com?

A) Yes: 26 % B) No: 74 %

Poet Laureate delights audience with literary humor

By Eli B Neal
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The roaring laughter filled the K-State Alumni Center's Ballroom Wednesday evening. The audience, nearly 100 of whom had to sit on the floor, came to hear a reading by former U.S. Poet Laureate William "Billy" Collins.

Collins entertained listeners with several dozen of his often heavily satirical and humorous poems. The reading ranged from traditional poetic topics such as love and death, to poems like "Hangover," in which the poet finds himself in a hotel room wishing horrible misfortune on a group of particularly loud children playing Marco Polo in the hotel's swimming pool.

"I love Collins because his poetry is delightful; it's entertaining; it's funny, which pulls readers in," said Gregory Eiselein, professor of English. "But there's this kind of depth and darkness and complexity to his work that if you look at it twice, it scares you."

Eiselein said he teaches Collins' work in his American Literature, Poetry and Great Books classes.

Collins has published nine volumes of poetry, including his most recent book "Ballistics" in 2008. He was Poet Laureate of the United States from 2001-2003 and Poet Laureate of New York from 2004-2006.

During his time as Poet Laureate, Collins said he often found himself too busy to write; however, he used the time to work as an activist for poetry. He said he started a channel on Delta Airlines radio devoted to poetry and a program designed to put poetry into high schools.

Much of the poetry Collins read during his visit to K-State was steeped in humor and often critical of himself and of poetry. Collins offered satirical portrayals of himself in several of the pieces he read.

In "The Lanyard," Collins told of a time at a summer camp when he made a lanyard for his mother. After first delving into the uselessness of lanyards, Collins explained the significance of everything his mother

had provided him with.

"She gave me life and milk from her breasts/ and I gave her a lanyard," Collins said. "Here is a breathing body and a beating heart/ strong legs, bones and teeth/ and two clear eyes to read the world, she whispered/ and here, I said, is the lanyard I made at camp." The audience rolled in laughter.

Collins' reading was far from exclusively humorous, however. Many of his poems, and much of his commentary on them, was deeply insightful and testified to his depth as a poet. He spoke several times of the nature of poetry and of his style and goals as a writer. He explained it is a poet's job to examine everything, to stare tirelessly at anything and everything, and that there is nothing not worth writing about. He also said he often writes not only to record his thoughts or experiences, but rather to discover them.

"The pen is an instrument of discovery," Collins said.

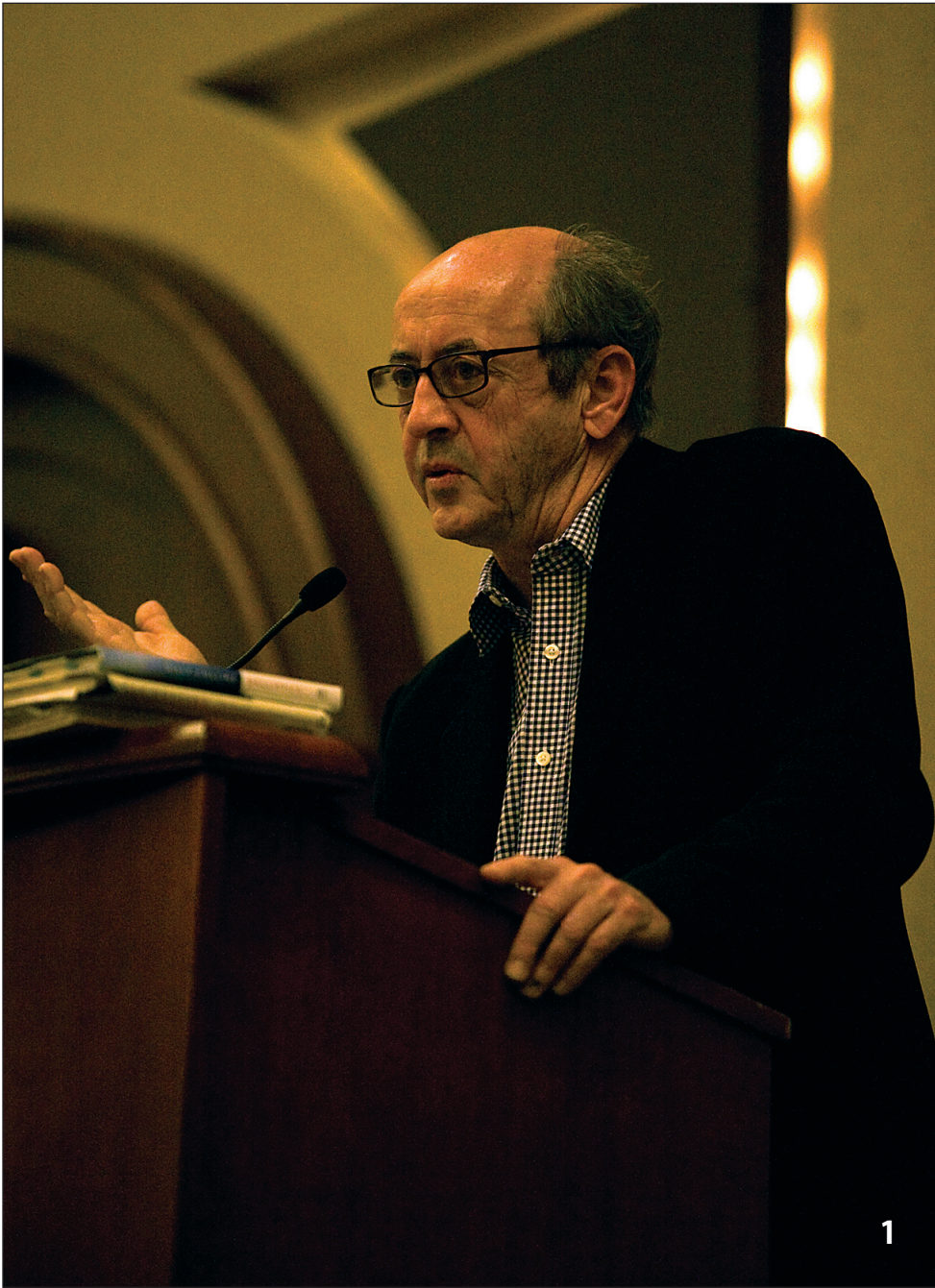
He said that when he begins writing a poem, he often does not know where it will end. He said it is often the desire to discover where a poem is going that spurs him to finish it, and tries to write his poems in a single sitting.

The renowned poet drew not only K-State students and faculty, but people from across Kansas as well. Some audience members drove long distances to attend the reading, several from as far as Kansas City, Kan., and Wichita.

Joshua Mathews, freshman at Sterling College, said he and a professor from the university drove from Sterling to attend the reading.

Mathews said Collins' poetry was "pretty satirical, and humorous. He kind of writes in a modern version of older poetry. It's historical in that sense but it's also funny, and he put a spin on it."

Nick Istas, senior in humanities, said he was briefly familiar with Collins' poetry before the reading. He also said had read one of Collins' poems in his Intro to Poetry class, and also heard one on the radio. Istas said he enjoyed Collins' work, and the reading was "very terrific."

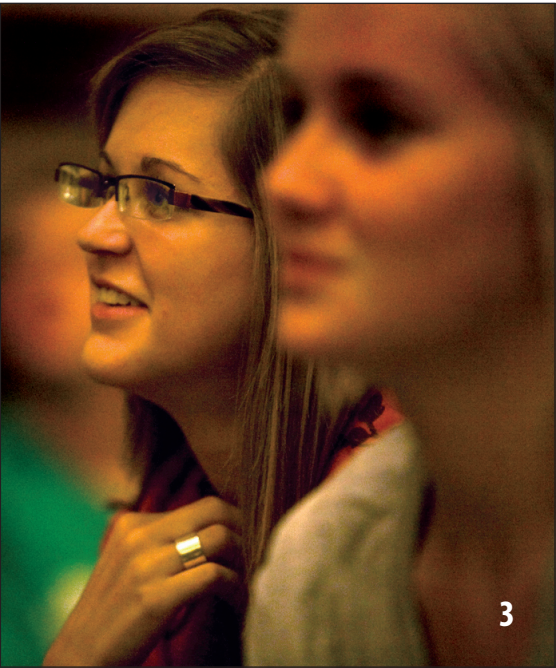


1. Wednesday afternoon, William "Billy" Collins recited his work to a packed room at the K-State Alumni Center Ballroom. Collins served two terms as the Poet Laureate of the United States from 2001-2003.

2. Dozens of students and K-State staff members sat on the floor of the Alumni Center Ballroom to have the opportunity to listen to Collins recite his works. Besides being named former Poet Laureate, Collins has been recognized as a Literary Lion of the New York Public Library and was also selected as the New York State Poet in 2004-2006.

3. Nicole Clark, freshman in pre-journalism, chuckles at a poem read by Collins Wednesday evening. Collins kept the audience entertained throughout the entirety of his speech by providing both comical and serious stories, interwoven throughout his poetry.

Photos by Chelsy Lueth
COLLEGIAN



POLICE REPORT

Yamaha ATV stolen from yard

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A Yamaha all-terrain vehicle valued at \$3,000 was stolen from a Manhattan residence earlier this week, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

The ATV was stolen sometime between 6 p.m. on Sunday and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD.

The victim, Troy Parson, 42, of 2571 Woodside Ln., said his 2001 red Big Bear Yamaha ATV 229CC was chained to a trailer outside his home, according to the report.

No arrests in the case have been made.

ENTERTAINMENT ELECTRONICS STOLEN

Electronics valued at \$1,690 were stolen from a Manhattan apartment late Tuesday night, according to another report from the RCPD.

The incident occurred between 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday and 1 a.m. on Wednesday, Crosby said.

A 46-inch Samsung TV, Sony Playstation and games and several DVDs were reported missing from the victims' home at 930 Fremont St., Apt. A.

The victims include Zhen Ruan, 18; Yiwen Wang, 19; Peng Hou, 20; and Jiamin Hu, 20, according to the report.

There was no sign of forced entry in the home, and no arrests have been made.





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Visitors should learn languages for travel

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“¿Dónde está el baño?”
“Where’s the loo?”

While knowing how to ask where the bathroom is when traveling to another country is important, making a bit more of an effort to know the language of the country to which you are traveling is essential to an enjoyable vacation.



MOLLY MCGUIRE

Whether it is through taking a foreign language class next semester, checking a book out of the library or using Rosetta Stone, learning the language of the country you are traveling to should be a crucial part of your planning effort when planning your next vacation.

Breaking the language barrier during your trip is necessary for having the most enjoyable and smooth trip possible. Imagine being in the French Riviera in hopes of learning about their rich history, and you arrive at your destination for the day, and no one speaks English.

If you spoke French, not only would you be able to continue your planned-out day relaxing with the locals, but you would also not be stuck in a situation where you must figure out a way to get back to your hotel or to a place where you can communicate in English.

Learning the local language is more than simply a way to have a more enjoyable trip; it is also a safety precaution. We would be fooling ourselves if we thought that tourists, and specifically American tourists, were not a prime target for pickpockets, scam artists and criminals.

If you were put in a situation where you must report a theft to the local authorities, it becomes much easier and more likely that you will get your stolen items returned to you if you are able to speak the same language. Also, if you are an idealist like me, and are prone to believing that if you are attacked you can potentially talk your attacker down, it would be possible only if you speak their language.

Allow me to give you an anecdote. Last spring break, Nikki Marcotte, senior in philosophy, traveled with the K-State Concert Choir over spring break to Vienna, where she was able to utilize her knowledge of the German language with the locals.

Marcotte said they went to eat at a little pub in Vienna. Because the place did not have enough room to seat the large party, they were paired with Edith, a 93-year-old Austrian woman who didn’t look a day over 60 and didn’t know a lick of English, Marcotte said. They were able to communicate with her through Marcotte’s limited knowledge of German. Marcotte said you could tell the woman appreciat-



illustration by Brian Nakerwood

ed it and ended up coming to a show the students told her about. She even bought them a round of wine “for girls only, no boys,” Marcotte said.

“It is amazing what you can learn about people and the culture if you know their language,” she said.

Another way we could disprove this misconception of Americans is by breaking the double-standard that we have in the United States. This double-standard is the belief that when we go to a for-

eign country, we expect the locals should be able to speak English to us. However, when we have travelers here in the United States, we do not expect to have to speak their language. When we begin to speak their local languages, we are breaking the stereotype that we are elitist and American-centric.

With an increase in technology and international trade, we are moving into an interconnected world. Being able to communicate with people outside of our

country will be crucial in the future in order to be as successful as possible and to be able to integrate into our international community.

Since enrollment for classes is just around the corner, why don’t you consider taking a foreign language class?

Molly McGuire is a sophomore in political science and speech. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Greek presidents should not vote to ban hard liquor

On Nov. 2 every fraternity president will vote on a resolution that will ban hard alcohol from chapter houses. This bill has the good intentions of trying to combat binge drinking. Supporters praise this legislation as a deterrent to alcohol-related incidents.



MITCHELL WIDENER

Binge drinking looms as a very large legal problem not only for the recently maligned Greek system, but also the university. However, this is not a wise or efficient way of going about dealing with this issue.

Let’s be honest: Barton’s and Kentucky Deluxe aren’t go-

ing away whether we ban them or not. By outlawing hard alcohol from chapter houses, we will only see it resurface in more unsafe places.

Although this resolution has been sketched out for months, the real precipitator for its unveiling was the recent situation with Phi Delta Theta. (I’m sorry to Phi Delta Theta for bringing this up again, but it is relevant to the argument.)

As some of the public knows, a member of Phi Delta was taken to the hospital with alcohol poisoning. Soon after, a story broke on K-State’s Web site of a possible hazing incident. The incident then somehow trickled into USA Today. Obviously, this was a terrible stain on the Greek system – of which I am a member as a Sigma Nu – and the university. After this, the

resolution was introduced.

Yet, Phi Delta Theta is a dry house and the incident took place away from the chapter house. In other words, I doubt a ban will have that much of an effect. Like this situation illustrates, students will find ways to get drunk.

Banning hard alcohol won’t hide it from underage students. Irresponsible drinkers will always drink irresponsibly. Neoprohibition will only push these drinkers to sketchier places, leaving the leaders of these houses scrambling to try and police this activity.

The Interfraternity Council’s Event Responsibility Policy already bans hard alcohol at social events. Because this rule is monitored fairly well by the IFC, most houses follow it. On the other hand, this mandate will be very

hard to regulate and will lead to houses flouting it. In turn, the IFC will lose credibility in their ability to control chapters. This will create direct pressure from the university to implement radical changes.

At Colorado University, houses were given an ultimatum by the university to acquiesce to certain guidelines. The houses balked and revoked any affiliation to the school. Hopefully, the K-State Greek system can avoid losing their self-autonomy and still be affiliated with the school, but this mandate will not help in that cause.

Please, don’t take this as a frat boy trying to cling to archaic traditions.

Yes, I realize a good portion of the opponents to this bill are those who only want to perpetuate the debilitating “Animal

House” stereotype. In theory, the perfect Greek system would allow houses to govern themselves because all of their members drink responsibly. This utopia isn’t coming anytime soon. This resolution has good intentions, but the road to hell is also paved with good intentions. Continued hospital trips will cripple the Greek system, yet so will the inability to police itself.

Something needs to be done to prevent us from being in USA Today again, but I don’t think a ban is the answer.

I urge all fraternity presidents to vote against this resolution.

Mitchell J. Widener is a sophomore in English. He is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

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If Isaac Newton was still alive, I would gladly kill him. Just saying.

To all the slow people on campus: Please keep right unless you are passing.

To Beth Mendenhall: People pay attention to mass media and state their own opinions because it makes us happy.

Somebody should tell those girls that those are fanny packs, not backpacks.

Thank God for Myles Ikenberry. I’m tired of people like Tim Hadachek dominating the opinion page of my Collegian. Now I think every time Tim writes an article, we should get Myles to write a sane article at the same time.

Yes, inquiring people would like to know what is happening in Cardwell, so please continue on and tell us.

Some guy tried to mug me when I was going to class today, Fourum. It was weird, though, he bit me. I hope I don’t get infected.

I know this is a little late, but I have to say the MVP of the game was Josh Cherry ... easily.

Okay, so I know this got overshadowed by the annihilation of Texas A&M this weekend, but I’d just like to congratulate the equestrian team for completely killing Baylor this weekend.

Is Bill Snyder coaching the equestrian team now? Because they just owned Baylor.

Hey, good job Beth, your first semi-intelligent article to date. Now stop while you’re ahead.

To all the girls who wore Ugg boots to the 5K race this weekend: What were you thinking?

Did anyone read Beth’s article: I think we forgot to tell her that weapons of mass destruction don’t exist.

Dude, this is college, don’t you think you’re a little old to be carrying a toy gun to school? Why don’t you join ROTC and learn how to carry a real one?

Umm, hello, Arts and Sciences is not a department, it is a college, and the music

department is part of the College of Arts and Sciences. Therefore, the band is part of the Arts and Sciences College.

Yeah, I’m driving down 11th and I just saw two people with two trash cans full of pop cans and beer cans. What is this world coming to? Go green!

I just had a girl pull out in front of me from Johnson County. Wait? What?

I’m drunk, and I just demonstrated to all my friends how to make a dental damn out of a condom. Thank you, human sexuality class. Bye.

Hey Derek on the debate team: Everything you say in class sounds like a vomited version of Beth Mendenhall’s articles.

Doing wheelies on a moped isn’t any cooler than picking your nose.

This is to Amanda: Amanda, quit calling into the Fourum about Wildcat 91.9.

What would Jesus do? I’ll tell you what he would do. He would not call into the Fourum and ask “What would Jesus do?”

Today in golf class my roommate fell out of the golf cart.

To the guy who found my owl hat: If you bring it to Chi Omega, you can go on a date with my friend Sarah.

To the person wondering about the pre-physical therapy student in the library: Let’s skip the names. Give me your number and we’ll talk.

Is it just me, or does all the pop in the Van Zile dining room taste funky?

Sorry to the girl I almost hit on the bike while talking on her cell phone.

I just had a single Ugg sighting, and with all the bonuses it was worth 29 points.

To the guy riding on the cooler down 11th: You look dumb.

I love it when skirts come out of hibernation.

The kind of parent who takes her daughter to see “Paranormal Activity” should be shot.

Yes, I actually have four tests this week, so I am special. Thank you.

Zombie Apocalypse: Bring it on. The K-State campus is ready ... well ... at least the dorms are.



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CELEBRITY NEWS

MESNICK AND MALANEY OFFICIALLY ENGAGED

“The Bachelor”’s Jason Mesnick recently proposed to Molly Malaney in the picture-perfect setting.

Mesnick returned to New Zealand, where he had first picked Melissa Rycroft on the show’s finale (a decision he later reversed on a subsequent “After the Final Rose” episode).

Mesnick and Malaney stayed at the luxurious lakefront Eichardt’s Private Hotel in Queenstown, a five-suite property ringed by white-capped peaks and boasting stunning views from the heart of the resort town.

Mesnick chose to ask Malaney to marry him on the grounds of Kohara Lodge, an environmentally-friendly house on the banks of the Shotover River, where he delivered a diamond and platinum ring from a jeweler in his hometown of Seattle by placing it in a glass of champagne and passing it to Malaney — after setting the timer on his camera to capture the scene for posterity.

O'DONNELL AND CARPENTER'S RELATIONSHIP STRUGGLES

Rosie O'Donnell said she and her spouse of five years, Kelli Carpenter, are undergoing a rough patch in their relationship and is not refuting speculation that Carpenter has moved out of their home in Nyack, N.Y., and into an apartment in Manhattan.

“Kelli and I love each other very much and we are working on our issues,” a tearful O'Donnell told USA Today Tuesday, emphasizing that the couple’s four children are “a priority.”

“Those are the only words I am ever going to say. Ever,” O'Donnell added. “And that is something that has been agreed upon by all parties. But everything’s fine, and everybody’s good, and we’re still both raising them together. We will both continue to parent them, and we’re friendly, and everything’s all right.”

BROADWAY ENJOYS RECORD TICKET SALES

Broadway is proving that big names bring big ticket sales in theaters just as much as for motion pictures.

With movie stars on the marquee of its plays, Broadway is seeing one of its best fall seasons in recent years, selling \$21.1 million from Oct. 12 to 18, according to The New York Times.

A Steady Rain has grossed over \$1 million, thanks to stars Daniel Craig and Hugh Jackman. Meanwhile, Shakespeare is hot as never before, with Jude Law raking in \$904,914 last week in his role as Hamlet, bringing total box office receipts for Broadway to \$21.1 million for the week of Oct. 12 to 18.

Last year, the hot ticket was Daniel Radcliffe’s (mostly naked) turn in Equus, which grossed \$782,307 in a week-long period.

“These three current plays are doing absolutely sensational business, especially considering that the economy hasn’t fully recovered,” said Philip J. Smith, chairman of Broadway’s Shubert Organization, in the Times.

“They’ve been a huge factor in this unusually healthy fall for recession-era Broadway. If only all shows were doing so well.”

But sometimes a play’s success is buoyed more by great reviews and buzz — even if the names on the playbill aren’t quite as attention-grabbing. God of Carnage has also broken the \$1 million mark and features respected actors Jeff Daniels, Hope Davis, James Gandolfini and Marcia Gay Harden.

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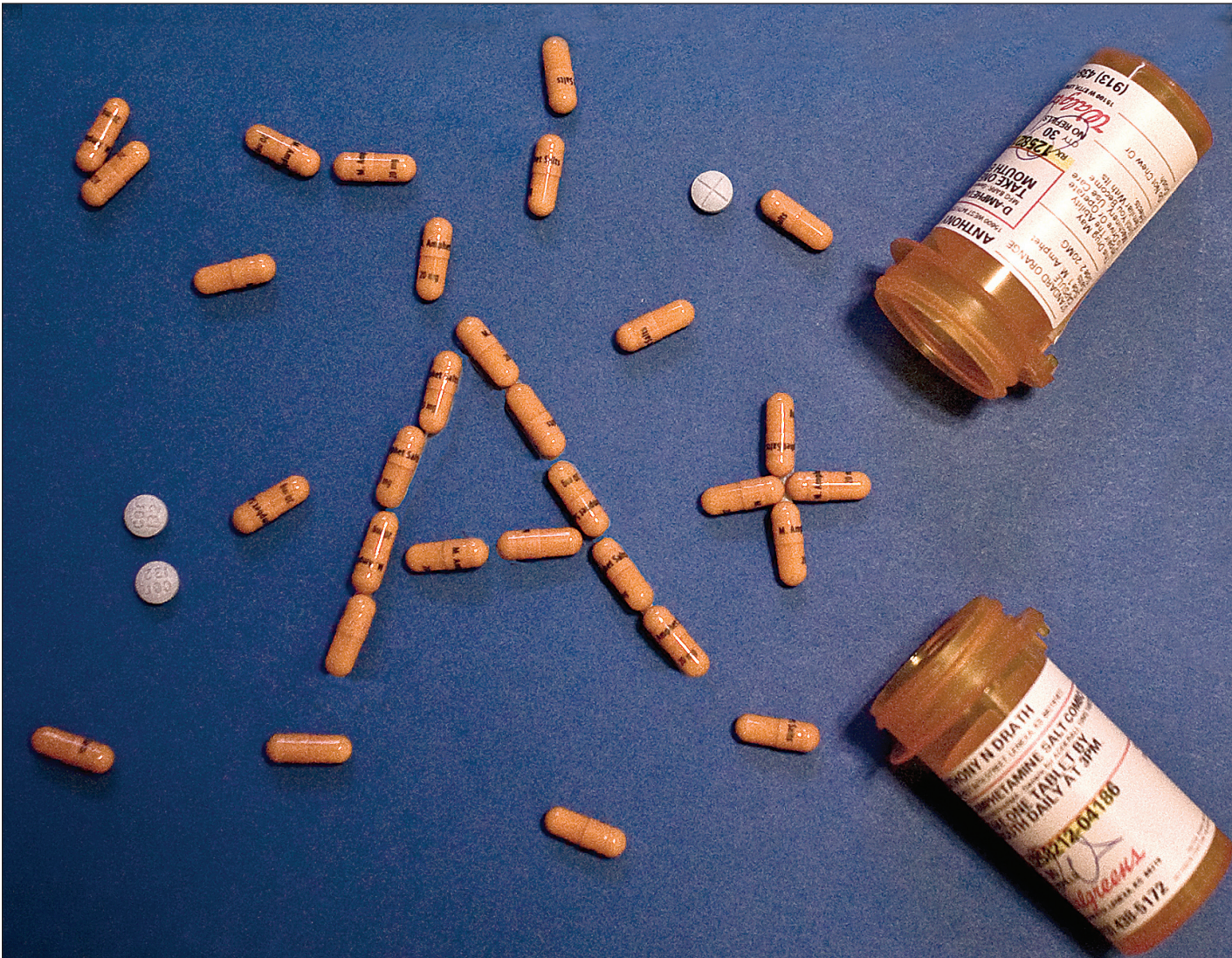


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Adderall abuse increases on U.S. campuses

By Michelle Thomas
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Adderall sales in the United States soared by more than 3,100 percent between 2002 and 2005, according to the Washington Post.

The New York Times reports that the prevailing mindset among college students— is that “Adderall, the drug of choice these days, is a legitimate and even hip way to get through the rigors of a hectic academic and social life.” As many as one in four college students misuse ADHD medications, according to a nationwide survey reported in the journal Addiction.

However, these statistics and reports are not representative of K-State’s campus.

“Other drug use at K-State is not as prevalent as alcohol use,” said Bill Arck, director of alcohol and other drug education services. “According to my annual survey, only 2.6 percent of K-State students admit to using these types of drugs.”

Adderall and Ritalin are central nervous system stimulants Arck describes as more potent than caffeine, but less potent than amphetamines. These drugs are generally prescribed to children for their calming and focusing effect.

“But these drugs are prescribed at a low dose and then slowly increased over time,” Arck said. “So it can be dangerous to those who take it without a prescription.”

One reported reason Adderall is abused is to get “high.” Stimulants such as Adderall can increase alertness, attention and energy, accompanied by an increase in blood pressure, heart rate and breathing.

Another reason Adderall is abused is for weight loss. Appetite suppressant is a common side effect of the drug, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Consequences of Adderall overdose can result in irregular heartbeat, dangerously high body temperature and the potential for cardiovascular failure or seizures. Some users also reported sexual side effects, including decreased libido or even impotence.

“These drugs are speeders, so they do run the risk of being addictive,” Arck said. “And if one uses them in an abusive manner, they may have heightened negative effects.”

Although the statistics of illicit use of Adderall on college campuses may not be representative of K-State, Adderall use has become more common. Bootlegged at about \$3 to \$5 per pill, Adderall is both inexpensive and accessible.

“Tons of my friends have prescriptions, so it’s not that hard to find,” said Chad Forest*, sophomore in commercial voice at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. “They usually give it to me for free, or for only a couple bucks.”

Forest admits to using Adderall several times over the past two years when he wants to be “super productive.”

“I’ll take one and be able to crunch out a four page paper in an hour,” Forest said.

He said he does not take Adderall often because it made him feel “shaky” and keeps him up all night, but that it is worth the side effects in order to stay focused.

Forest also describes illicit Adderall use to succeed in school as fairly common on his campus: “Up here, Adderall is the least of people’s worries.”

From all indications, it appears that the trend of greater reliance upon these types of drugs will continue to soar, according to a report done by Drug News.

As of late December 2007, the government is loosening restrictions on Adderall whereby doctors may now prescribe as much as a 90-day supply. Adderall is a “Schedule II” controlled substance, which means the U.S. government has determined it has a “high potential for abuse” that “may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence,” and for that reason, the Drug Enforcement Administration regulates the drug.

“What I don’t think some students realize is that these drugs are illegal without a prescription,” Arck said. “It is actually a felony to even possess Adderall without a prescription.”

So while only 2.6 percent of K-State’s population admits to using Adderall or similar drugs, there is a growing trend of abusing the drug across U.S. campuses of which students must be aware.

*Name changed for privacy.

Couples need to keep things fresh to avoid ruts

By Katie Morford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students in well-established relationships can find themselves in a relational rut with their significant other. But a little work and creativity can inject new life into that relationship and keep it strong for the long term.

“Having an open relationship and being able to talk to each other about how we feel and any problems we have is the best way to keep our relationship healthy,” said Melinda Feldkamp, senior in social work.

She and her high school sweetheart, Justin Knowles, who graduated from Manhattan Technical College, will celebrate their six-year anniversary in November.

“The first thing you have to do to make sure you keep that relationship strong is to realize ... you are in a relationship that is not static,” said Tony Jurich, professor of family studies and human services. “You are in a relationship that is going to change and grow.”

Often those changes include different hobbies, friends or social circles. But that doesn’t have to be bad.

“It’s important to have other things to do other than just hanging out with each other,” said Feldkamp. “It’ll get boring if all you have to talk about is what you did with each other.”

Shelly Ritter, senior in biology, said she and her long-distance boyfriend of two years strive to make their time together fresh.

“When we see each other we still try and keep it special,” Ritter said. “It’s never the same. We keep it interesting.”

It can be tempting when infatuation strikes to channel one’s time and interest on that special person, but Feldkamp said building a long-term relationship requires balance and an understanding of oneself.

“Make sure that you know who you are before you try to figure out somebody else,” Feldkamp said. “Make sure you know what you want before you get involved in a long-term relationship.”



Photo illustration by Chelsy Lueth

Feldkamp added that part of knowing who you are is having friends and a good support system you can fall back on if something does go wrong, and just to have other outside activities that you can do without your partners.

That balance also includes spending time doing activities as a couple or with family and mutual friends. Feldkamp said she and her boyfriend enjoy the outdoors and fishing together.

“The most important thing to me is that I like how our families

are really close,” Ritter said. “We hang out a lot and watch football on Sundays.”

Regardless of whether a couple needs to add some individuality to the mix or just spice up their time together with new activities, trying something a bit out of the ordinary can help build a stronger, healthier relationship for the long-term.

“Every once in a while, do something different,” Jurich said. “Sometimes that’s not bad. Sometimes you need to do something surprising.”

Snyder's constant composure

If you didn't see Saturday's shellacking of Texas A&M at the Snyder Family Stadium, or even worse, if you had to listen to it on the radio like I did, you might be kicking yourself. K-State, in the course of two weeks, probably just represented the highest of highs and lowest of lows possible in college football.

With 156 total points scored in the last two games, excitement has not been lacking in either contest. Whether or not you enjoyed both games, the games were full of ridiculous plays and mistakes.

Through it all, emotions have had to be pulling these college athletes in all directions. From feeling absolutely crushed at Texas Tech to being able to do no wrong at home last weekend, the fans have been riding this roller coaster for two straight weeks and are hoping that there isn't another huge decline on the other side of this big win.

Behind it all though, is the master architect head coach Bill Snyder. Snyder, who is 4-3 in his first season back with the Wildcats, has remained calm through it all. Never letting out of sight his positive attitude, Snyder has been pushing the Wildcats hard all season.

In an amazingly stoic fashion, Bill Snyder has always, that I've witnessed, controlled his composure no matter how disappointing or nerve-wracking the situation may be. Whether on the sidelines or at a press conference or even if a question is directed in order to elicit some sort of emotional response, Snyder pulls it together before he ever starts speaking.

It has become commonplace in sports, more specifically in highly competitive sports such as football and basketball, for a coach to lose his temper. The need for entertainment is just as important as the need for the coach to feel he can "lose his temper." But does it generally ever help? Have you ever seen a call get overturned or an umpire do a better job because the coach on the sideline is scolding his hide every time he runs by? It usually makes the situation worse altogether. We see numerous top-50 style countdowns with embarrassing media moments and coaches losing their tempers. Where has professionalism gone?

It remains in those of the heartland. Snyder, who has not always been happy with the performance of K-State, has always been able to comment both positively and professionally. In maintenance of his "getting better all the time" style, he promotes what he thinks will be of best interest to the team and sticks to it.

Given that this past week's game would appear to be an outlier in the overall performance of the team, we need to give it another couple weeks to see if K-State can keep up this level of play. No matter the outcome, the style of play will not change. Snyder will keep pushing his team to get better in all aspects of the game and will continue to be that all-around great coach that we grew to know and love.



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Each week, members of the Collegian staff and K-State President Kirk Schulz pick the winners of six college football games. The Collegian would like to invite our readers to participate in the weekly competition.

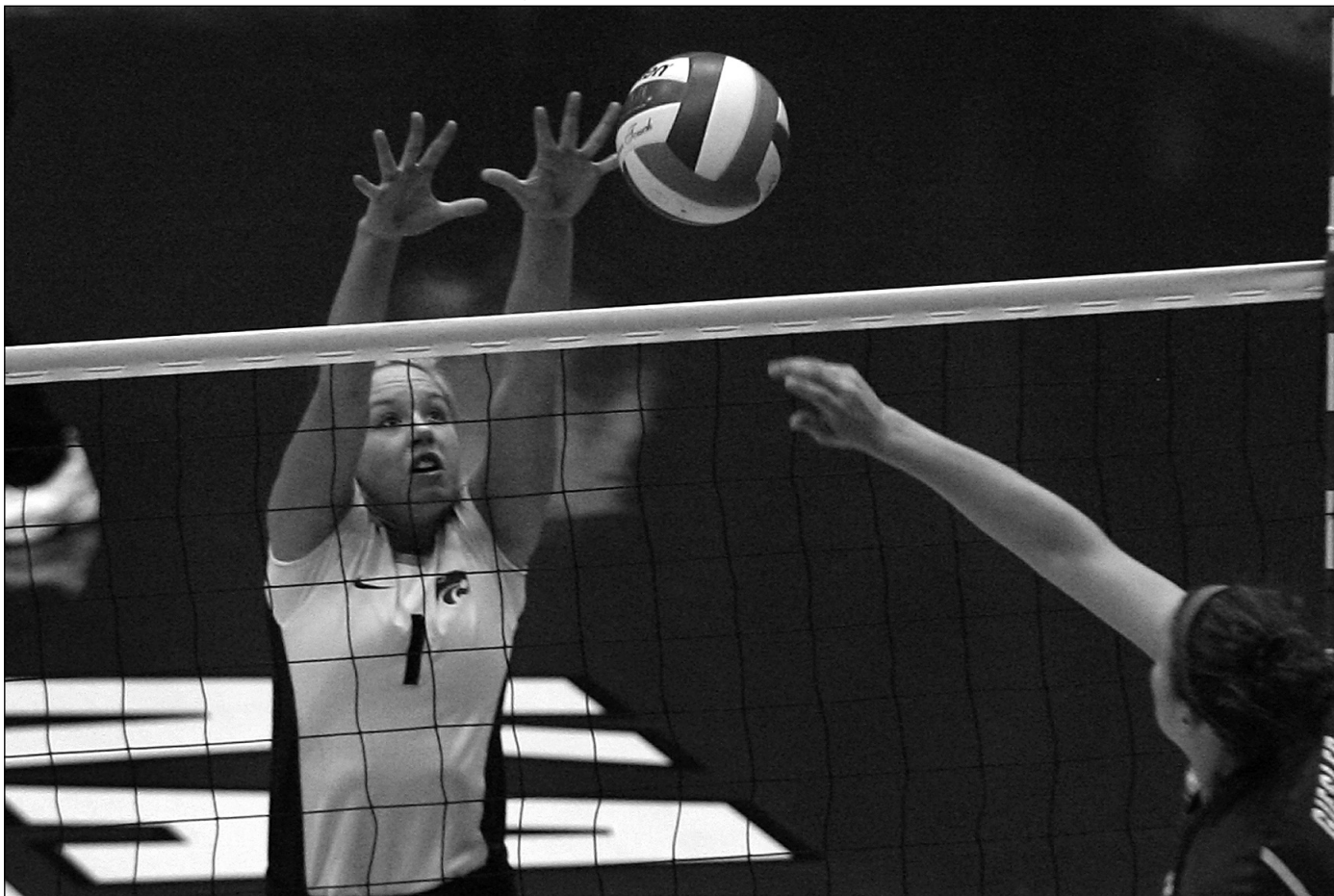
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No. 8 TCU at No. 16 BYU
Auburn at No. 9 LSU
Colorado at K-State

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Caitlyn's claws



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Caitlyn Donahue, freshman defensive specialist for the K-State Volleyball team, jumps with arms outstretched to try to block a spike during the Wildcat's game against Kentucky this September.

Freshman grows into top volleyball player

By Sam Nearhood
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Whenever people talk about freshman defensive specialist Caitlyn Donahue, they inevitably extol her character – her father for her insight, her teammates for her positive energy, and head coach Suzie Fritz for her amiability.

"As a human being, she's very likable, very fun," Fritz said. "She's a smart kid, does well in school. She's the total package."

But you will not hear any of this from Donahue herself. Despite receiving a plethora of accolades in high school, including first-team All-America, three-time Kansas 6A Player of the Year and Eastern Kansas League MVP, among others, the star defensive specialist remains humble.

"I feel like I really worked hard in high school, and I have to give tons of credit back to my team," Donahue said. "They were there behind me 100 percent, and they helped me with all those things, and it's great to see those awards that I got out of it, but I give it all back to my team."

Jill Stucky, a former recruiter for the University of Kansas and one of Donahue's role models, suspected that this unfaltering dedication stems from Donahue's father.

"[Caitlyn] won't get away with anything at home," Stucky said. "[Her dad] will keep her grounded. He is such a huge personality in her life that I know she really looks up to him."

This is also what brought Donahue into volleyball. Her love for the sport started at a young age. While most of us were still learning to tie our shoes, Donahue would religiously attend her father's volleyball games, where she enlisted the players to teach her new skills.

"She'd always drag them out to the court ... and pass with them or hit or whatever," her father, David Donahue, recounted. "And even when we were playing, she'd be banging balls up against the wall. She couldn't sit there and just watch."

Over the next few years, her skill and passion would develop progressively, leading her to join a local volleyball club. After two years, her father stepped onto the court as her coach, a position he would fill for five years. He recalled one memory of a national tournament where his daughter exhibited her tenacity for excellence.

"One of the opponents spiked the ball – even at 12, this kid just ripped it – and one of her teammates got it up but shanked it, and it started going off the court," he recollected. "She went over and dove, and brought the ball back in, and the first two rows of parents had to catch her. I mean, this is at 12. So that was kind of fun."

When Donahue reached high school, she had to attend tryouts. After a week of intense scrutiny, she was offered the varsity libero position, a first for a freshman.

"By the end of the week, my coaches sat me down and told me, 'You made varsity, if you want to play, and if you're not comfortable, you can play JV,'" Donahue said. "I was the first freshman at Blue Valley West that got that experience."

It was at this point that Donahue began receiving national attention. Letters of interest and questionnaires poured in, some from unfamiliar schools.

"She got, probably, a hundred of those, from all over the country," her father said. "In fact, it got to the point where she would show me one and she goes, 'Where is this school?' So we actually went downstairs and put up a 6x8 map of the United States. And so, when the recruiting letters would come in, I'd say, 'Okay, go on Yahoo, figure out where it is, and stick a pin on the map, so at least you know where it is.'"

After narrowing down the pool, the Donahue had six schools from which to choose: K-State, Kentucky, Alabama, Nebraska, South Carolina and Kansas. The Jayhawks recruited Donahue heavily, and were close to landing her, but two factors ultimately led her to K-State: proximity and the coaching staff.

"She goes, 'Dad, [KU is] too close,'" her father said with a smile. "K-State's

the right distance that, if my car breaks down, you can get there. If I need something fixed, you can get there. I can get home when I want to, but it's not close enough where you'll just be dropping down for a bite for dinner all the time.' And that's Caitlyn."

"What she heard from Fritz was, 'You're very, very good, but we're going to make you better.' And that's what she wanted to hear. She did not want to come to a college and that be the end of her learning, her participating."

Fritz agreed that Donahue is extremely gifted, citing her performances in various positions around the court, and that her future will be noteworthy.

"It'll be fun to watch her grow," Fritz mused. "We see her as still having an immense amount of potential. We're so glad she's part of our team."

Stucky suspected Donahue eventually will find her way into coaching.

"I know she's going to be one of those kids that loves the sport of volleyball so much; there's no way she can get out of it," Stucky said. "She's going to find her niche in coaching one way or another. She's going to be great at it."

Donahue's father concurred, but put a different twist on it.

"She has two goals: one, to teach high school and coach volleyball, and the other one, to be rich," he joked. "I said, 'Somewhere, you're going to have to [pick one]. But she'll never get far away from volleyball; it's too much of who she is.'"

Regardless of what is said about her future, one thing can always be agreed upon: Donahue will excel, on or off the court.

"She works really hard," teammate Kathleen Ludwig said. "It kind of seems like she's got it all going on. She kind of keeps it all balanced and in check."

And this can be witnessed on the court. As a true freshman, she has played in every set, usually as a starter. At K-State, she is second in digs, fourth in kills, and fifth in aces. If karma does exist, then it has come full-circle for Donahue, rewarding her compassion and dedication with an awe-inspiring ability in volleyball.

VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats take down Colorado in four matches

By Sam Nearhood
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State (8-11, 2-7 Big 12 Conference) clinched their second conference victory against the University of Colorado (6-13, 1-9) in Boulder, Colo., Wednesday night.

The Wildcats started the heated match with a 25-19 win in the first set, but fell to Colorado by the same score in the second set. They claimed the third 25-21 and the fourth 25-16.

The teams started the match in unison, trading points with the first rotation ending 8-7 in favor of K-State. Six kills by junior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm, including three of the first four points, set up a six-point run by redshirt freshman outside hitter Kathleen Ludwig to bring the Wildcats up to 17-12, a fire they would not lose to claim the set 25-19.

The Buffaloes found favor in the opening of the second set with a sprinkling of small runs and an ace to put them in the lead 8-7. Back-to-back service errors

by both teams slowed the game to a crawl until Colorado came back with a three-point run. K-State was unable to string success, putting the set at 20-15. Three straight points brought the Buffaloes within two of a win, but they were held for four by K-State. It did not prove to be enough; Colorado regained the serve and took their first set 25-19, echoing K-State's previous score.

The intermission rejuvenated Colorado as evidenced by their six-point run at the start of set three. An ace from libero Lauren Mathewson quieted the Buffaloes, leading to an even trade of rally points. Freshman middle blocker Alex Muff eclipsed her previous record of two kills with her 10th for the match to bring K-State up to 16. An ace from Mathewson kicked off a four-point run to take the lead to 22-19. Colorado looked to close the gap, but senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman recorded her 10th kill to start a drive to claim the set at 25-21.

Chipman set the tempo for the

final match with two kills to start K-State at 4-2. The 10th service error of K-State gave possession to Colorado, who tied the game at 7-all. The tight competition continued with a hit from Colorado sophomore outside hitter Becah Fogle at 11-all to keep the tie. Junior outside hitter Vanessa Murray scored at 19-14, making her the fourth Wildcat with 10-plus kills in the match. A timeout from Colorado brought the serve back to the Buffaloes with two straight points, slightly narrowing the gap to 16-19 Colorado. Solo and assisted blocks from redshirt freshman Izabela Grot and another ace from Mathewson highlighted the drive to secure K-State's third set and the match.

The Buffaloes were led by redshirt sophomore outside hitter Rosie Steinhaus with 15 kills for an attack percentage of .244 and a total of five blocks. Fogle was not far behind with 14 kills for .132. Defensively, junior Katie Evanyo, normally an outside hitter, had 18 digs and a lone ace.

Freshman outside hitter Kerra Schroeder helped her team with 11 kills and three aces.

Eight Wildcats highlighted the match with solid performances. In the front row, four players recorded double digit kills, including Chipman with 16 for .696, echoing her first big performance freshman year in Boulder, Chisholm with 16 for .200, Murray with 11 for .222 and Muff with a personal record-shattering 11 for .435. The back row furthered the success with two strong performances from leading defensive players Mathewson and freshman defensive specialist Caitlyn Donahue, totaling 25 and 14 digs, respectively. Another surprise showing came from Grot, who summed four blocks – including one solo – for a personal best. There were 48 assists from the hands of senior setter Soriana Pacheco and six team aces capped the ground-shaking night for the Wildcats.

K-State will look to continue their success against No. 23 Baylor in Manhattan Saturday evening.

Financial counseling service now available

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State offers many services free of charge to students. These range from Career and Employment Services to some services from Lafene Health Center and tutoring. However, the Student Senate felt that K-State lacked a yet another service that would greatly benefit the student body.

Powercat Financial Counseling was in the planning stage for roughly two years before its introduction, said Jodi Kaus, director of Powercat Financial Counseling.

The senate formed a committee to oversee the formation of the new service in September of 2007.

A survey in 2008 was conducted to gauge the need for such a program.

"[The survey] indicated that a majority of students at K-State had little knowledge regarding credit and debt management, employee-offer negotiations, investments, car purchases, home buying, etc.," Kaus said.

She said following the survey results, the senate approved a resolution to recognize the spread of financial awareness by Powercat Financial. In February, the senate approved of the plan to institute

Powercat Financial Counseling.

The service aims to help students with any financial concerns that they may have. Kaus said that these include identity theft, student loans, credit management and investing, among other topics.

"Our goals are to help reduce financial stress and increase financial literacy of all K-State students so that they can succeed as K-State students and beyond," Kaus said.

The center is currently staffed by Kaus and her student assistant, Mary Cox, a personal finance major. They plan to offer peer-to-peer services after they train students who are studying financial planning.

"In these tough economic times, having a resource for K-State students to access for guidance on a variety of financial issues is critical," Kaus said. "K-State is leading the way as the first Kansas Board of Regents institution to offer this service."

Students seeking financial help can locate Powercat Financial in the K-State Student Union on the ground floor, said Kaus. They may schedule appointments by calling 785-532-2889 or emailing PowercatFinancial@k-state.edu. Their website will be online soon at k-state.edu/pfc.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vaccine misinformation

Dear Editors:

I am quite sure you'll get a large response to Greg Scott's opinions on the H1N1 vaccines. But in case you don't, you need to seriously consider correcting the misinformation in this opinion piece.

I am mostly in agreement with Mr. Scott's words of caution to do your own research (clearly, he didn't), and to take better care of yourself to hopefully avoid illnesses of any type. I do draw the line at incorrect statements that blur the line of journalistic professionalism. Please see this link, from the CDC, that states known facts: cdc.gov/H1N1flu/vaccination/pregnant_qa.htm.

1) There is no squalene in the American versions of the H1N1 vaccine. Some in Europe still use this, but not in the United States.

2) There is Thimerosal in the multi-dose vaccines, but the single-dose vaccines and nasal FluMist vaccines do not contain Thimerosal. These are the ones most often recommended for children and pregnant women.

As journalists, you are responsible to provide accurate information, especially regarding a topic of such importance. Please do the right thing.

Kathy Sargent, MT(ASCP)
KSU ALUMNI

Seated in Seaton Court, Jill Peck, sophomore in fine arts, Nick Smith, junior in graphic design, and Moraiah Mitchell, freshman in graphic design gather to sketch for a class Tuesday afternoon. Seaton court is one of the oldest parts on campus.



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COLLEGIAN

Geography students hone skills at GeoBowl

By Deborah Muhwezi
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's versatility continues to be on the upswing with the return of a title to the school. A team of K-State students brought home the title of division champs of the GeoBowl this past spring at the annual Association of American Geographers Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division meeting.

"The rumor was that we haven't won before, or if we did, it hadn't been in recent memory, so we were really excited," said Tyra Olstad, K-State team member.

Olstad, doctoral student in geography, was one of the five team members who represented K-State at the annual meeting where there were teams from as far away as North Dakota and Utah.

"We have a team that goes every year; they have to include at least one undergrad and one female," she said. "It's a good way to represent the university, and it's a fun thing for students to do at the conference."

The GeoBowl title wasn't the only honor the team brought back to K-State. In addition, Olstad tied for first place in individual scores and will be representing the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division at the World Geography Bowl in April of 2010 in Washington, D.C.

"It's exciting," she said. "Now I'm just trying to file those snippets away [because] geography is such a big field."

Olstad answered the most "toss-

up" questions correctly throughout the competition. "Toss-up" questions consist of random geography questions that range anywhere from human, physical and techniques which stemmed from any part of the world, correctly throughout the competition.

"These questions are pretty tough," said Richard Marston, distinguished professor and department head in geography. "It's more than geography trivia, [and] it's more in-depth than what you see on television, like in 'Jeopardy.' You really have to have a good background to do well."

Olstad said the best way for her to prepare for the competition is to be focused on her teaching and to retain as much information as possible.

"There's no way to prepare for it really because it's such a broad field," she said. "You accumulate more things in your life; whoever accumulates the most in their life does well."

With the big competition coming up soon, Olstad is still keeping the future of the team in mind. The annual conference will be at the University of Kansas next year, and Olstad is in high hopes that K-State will have a strong team again then.

"The problem with winning a title is you have to defend it," she said. "I hope [the team] grows, especially next year because the conference will be right down the road. It's just a fun way to get people interested in geography."

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STREET TALK

Q: What has been your favorite Halloween costume ever?



I knew this dude who would dress up like Michael Jackson from “Thriller,” every year, with the jerry curls and everything.

Joseph Diaz
Freshman, music



The most creative I’ve seen was my best friend. She dressed up as a Hogwarts student in Gryffindor.

Lucy Nolla
Freshman, elementary education



My favorite Halloween costume ever was one that I wore when I was about 5 or 6 – I was the blue Power Ranger.

Nikki Marcot
Senior, philosophy and pre-law



I went as Jesus last year for Halloween. I went to junior college and did a little contest, and I almost won best costume.

Kunle Ferreia
Junior, electrical engineering



One year I saw someone working at a bar in underwear and chaps.

Jefferson Ely
Sophomore, business administration



One year I dressed as soy milk for Caribou Coffee at work.

Emily Osterhaus
Junior, advertising

Union expects big, boa-clad crowd for Rocky Horror Picture Show

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

This October marks the 30th anniversary of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” event hosted by the Union Program Council.

The pre-show will begin at 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 in the Union ballroom, and the movie starts at midnight.

Mary Renee Shirk from radio station 96.3 will emcee the pre-show, said Alicia Shankle, co-chair of UPC films committee. She said Shirk will make fun of people coming in and give out prizes while people are arriving.

The entry cost is \$5, and students receive a pop bag with a bag of rice, two playing cards, newspapers and Melba toast, “this gross cracker kind of toast that has no taste,” Shankle said.

The items in the bag allow audience members to interact with the movie during different scenes. Examples include throwing rice during a wedding scene and tossing the toast when a character announces he is making a toast.

Shankle said during the pre-show, newcomers to



Rocky Horror Picture Show fans wait in line in full costume before last Halloween’s showing of the film at the K-State Student Union. The University Planning Council will be hosting the film on October 30 at 10:30 p.m. in the Union ballroom of the Union.

the event will be marked with a lipstick “V,” signaling they are “Rocky Horror Picture Show” virgins. She said they will then be auctioned off to veterans of the events to watch the movie together and show them what to do because the movie is an interactive event.

“We’re expecting it to be bigger probably than last year because last year it was on Halloween,” Shankle said. The 2008 attendance was about 200, but the year before that it was closer to 500, she said.

Shankle said this is a unique event and not every campus does it. While the

movie itself is okay, but not necessarily great, Shankle said, the pop bags, events and people dressed up as movie characters make it a very different event.

“I think it made the list of top 10 things to do before you graduate,” Shankle said. “If it isn’t on there, it should be.”

UPC sponsors children’s carnival, pumpkin-carving

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The Union Program Council is hosting a Children’s Carnival and Pumpkin-Carving Contest next week.

The carnival will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the K-State Student Union Courtyard on Oct. 27. The theme is Michael Jackson’s “Thriller.” Karina Garcia, co-chair of the UPC community committee, said that the event has been going on for at least five years.

Usually the community committee partners with the homecoming committee for the carnival, but because both co-chairs were going to be out of town that day, they decided to host a separate one, Garcia said. She said that they are still helping out with food and games at the All-University Homecoming Children’s Carnival today, but not as much as they would if they were going to be in town.

At the UPC’s Children’s Carnival, there will be a costume contest and a “Thriller” dance contest, Garcia

said. Games will include a graveyard scavenger hunt and a beanbag grave toss; food will include swampwater, caramel apples and popcorn balls, and prizes will be novelty items such as eyeball bouncy balls, she said.

After sending out flyers to elementary schools and daycares in Riley County and advertising around campus and on the UPC Web site, Garcia said the committee expects a crowd of around 550 or 600 people.

“I think it’s a good way for families and their kids to get involved in the K-State campus,” Garcia said.

The contest for pumpkin-carving will take place throughout the week of Oct. 26. Participants may pick up their free pumpkin that day between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Union’s UPC office.

The completed projects are due on Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. Pumpkins will be displayed in the Union Courtyard on Oct. 30. The winners will be awarded gift certificates at the Union valued at \$30, \$20 and \$10 for first, second and third prizes, respectively.

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“Paranormal Activity”

★★★★★
Movie review by Patrick Bales

With a mere \$15,000, Oren Peli has crafted a horror film that is scaring audiences across the country. The movie has very little blood or violence; it’s old-school horror at its finest that relies on camera tricks, creative effects and a slow build-up of dread that culminates to an ending so scary, I literally had to catch my breath.

All of the events take place in a single house where the characters Katie and Micah reside. After Micah discovers his girlfriend, Katie, has had a demon following her since the age of eight, he buys a digital camera and sets it up every time they go to sleep. This movie documents all the events that take place within a 20-day period.

So what is it that makes “Paranormal Activity” different from all of the other recent horror films in the last few years? The two main differences are the believable characters and the slow build-up of

suspense. For the first 20 minutes or so, there are no supernatural occurrences. We merely see the couple eating dinner or discussing the demonic spirit that’s been disrupting their sleep. Because of these dialogue-heavy scenes and the fact that Peli had all of his actors improvise their lines, the audience really gets a sense that they are real characters.

The performances from the two leads are fantastic. Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat – who both play characters bearing their own names – react believably to every situation and I got a sense that they were a real couple who had been together for a number of years.

After all the set-up is finished, Peli sets his sights on getting under the audience’s skin. He does this by incorporating a slow, steady build-up of terror. But night after night, the demon gets steadily worse, and the audience is left in anticipation, never knowing what will happen next. It is this anticipation that makes the movie scary. If the movie went for the jugular early on, it would fall flat. Imagination is almost always scarier than reality, and Peli has a

great understanding of that concept.

There are also no musical cues, which are common in many other horror films. I never knew where to look, which forced me to look everywhere; I never knew what was going to happen next.

There have been horror films that have scared me for a longer portion of the film, but I have never been more scared of a movie than I was during the last five minutes of this film. I flew back against my seat with a shriek, and I actually had to catch my breath. It has to be one of the best endings to a horror movie I have ever seen. The best way to describe “Paranormal Activity” is that it hits you with jabs. It weakens you. Then, when you’re at your most vulnerable, it delivers a knock-out punch to the face, then pounds you in the gut until you can no longer breathe. In short, Paranormal Activity will rock you, and I’d advise not seeing it before you go to bed.

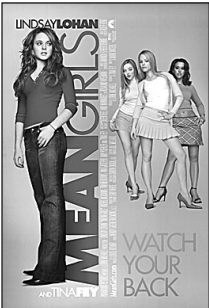
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EDITOR’S PICKS

Favorite Halloween movies

“MEAN GIRLS”

I hate scary movies and see no point in watching them. I do, however, have a favorite Halloween movie: “Mean Girls.”



This is the ultimate every-holiday flick. Although the entire film may not be about Halloween, it provides important information about the holiday and is appropriate for any occasion. Cady Heron (played by Lindsey Lohan) has a costume for the Halloween party; it is truly frightening, and an excellent example of all that Halloween costumes could be.

The reaction from her friend Karen is perfect: “Why do you look so scary?”

“It’s Halloween,” Cady responded.

Halloween is a holiday made for moments that “Mean Girls” is full of. After all, the entire movie is about pretending to be someone you aren’t. In essence, every day is Halloween for Cady, because as long as she is trying to infiltrate “the Plastics,” a group of three girls who run the school, she is pretending to be someone she isn’t.

I never tire of watching “Mean Girls,” quoting its pithiest moments and laughing at the Plastics. Skip the scary movies. It’s Halloween; there are enough scary things and people walking around outside. Why not have a few laughs instead?

-Elena Buckner

“A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET”

“One, two, Freddy’s coming for you ... three, four, better lock your door ... five, six, bring your crucifix ... seven, eight, gonna stay up late ... nine, ten, never sleep again.”



Just hearing those words brings me back to staying up late after watching the film and hoping Freddy would not pay me a visit. “A Nightmare on Elm Street” takes place in a fictional Midwestern town in Ohio. The plot revolves a group of teenagers that are terrorized in their nightmares by the badly-burned ghost of a serial child murderer named Fred Krueger.

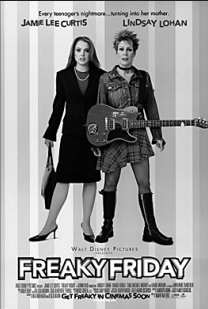
Like most kids, I watched these movies when I was much younger than I should have, and the idea that a man could enter my dreams, cut me up, and leave me bleeding in reality was pretty scary stuff. However, that did not stop me from watching them each year as my older cousins would rent them all and have marathons.

Nowadays when I watch them, I can’t help but laugh at the awful special effects and acting in the films. The “A Nightmare on Elm Street” franchise has eight slasher films, a television show, a book and even a comic series. My recommendation: view the creepy Freddy on film. Sweet dreams.

-Jason Miller

“FREAKY FRIDAY”

I hate scary movies. I never watch them. So when Halloween rolls around and the need for a seasonal film creeps up, I opt for a much milder selection than “Saw V” or “The Ring” (both of which I’ve never seen nor plan to). My October flick of choice is “Freaky Friday,” the 2003 remake.



Say what you want about Lindsay Lohan and teeny-bopper films, I love this movie. It doesn’t have any traditional Halloween connotations, but because of the “freaky” body switching, it’s Halloween-y enough in my book.

One of the main reasons I enjoy watching a young Lohan exude teenage angst and unconvincingly wail on a guitar is nostalgia. When the film premiered, I was at the height of my high school pop-punk phase. But these awkward issues aside, it’s an eerily entertaining movie. Try to deny it all you want, but “Freaky Friday” has a delightfully shallow plot with more than enough cheesy, family-conflict humor to keep you feeling all warm and fuzzy inside despite the chilly and dreary October weather.

-Elise Podhajsky

Cemetery’s legend gets tested

We all love sitting around a campfire, sharing ghost stories and telling terrifying tales, but what happens when they come true?



RACHEL SPICER

In a moment of boredom, my best friend Robert and I decided to venture to Stull, Kan., for the spring equinox. This is said to be a night of “witchcraft, ghosts and supernatural happenings” in the old cemetery.

Neither Robert nor myself is a very superstitious person, so we put our beliefs to the test, secretly hoping to be proved wrong. We visited the graveyard early in the day to wander around and read the tombstones. Everything seemed to be relatively normal, even the wrecked old church seemed at peace on a cool, cloudy day.

Story has it that the devil buried his family in the cemetery, or was it that a stablehand murdered the mayor in a stable on the grounds ... no wait, I remember. There was a spiral staircase that led all the way down to hell, therefore making it one of the “seven gateways to hell.” Well, truth of the matter is, all of these stories are rumored to be true.

However, while reading the various gravestones in the cemetery, none of them appeared to have demonic names. Some were so old and worn, they were no longer legible, but no Satan Jr. or Little Lucifer. Despite the lack of evidence, we did not allow it to sway our expectations of supernatural occurrences.

The plan was to camp out at Clinton Lake after observing the midnight hour at the cemetery. After finding the place where we would stay the night, we took the short trip back to the cemetery.

Unfortunately, the gates were locked, and due to the excessive publicity in the mid-’70s to mid-’80s, the town has a zero-tolerance policy for tourists such

as ourselves. The next best option was parking across the street and observing.

Midnight rolled around, nothing happened. The windows of the vehicle were down so we might feel the “strong wind” others experienced while observing as well, but still nothing happened.

After 20 or 30 minutes of observation and anticipation, our initial beliefs had been proven true. The only thing left to do was return to the campsite.

I’m sure the first question coming to mind is, “Wait a minute, you didn’t even enter the grounds at midnight?” The answer is no, but according to the Internet, observers could feel a strong wind even off of the premises.

While our experiment was hindered due to strict laws and the fact that the old church was reduced to a pile of rubble in 2002, we did wander through the cemetery the day of and explore the debris of the church. There appeared to be no spiral staircase leading to Hades, nor did it appear that the church was immune to rainstorms as claimed.

Ironically, after the roof was demolished in a fire, the church was struck by lightning, causing severe structural damage to one of the remaining walls at the time. Believers may be thinking that is a sign that the devil really is there, but I would have to disagree.

I will admit, however, that although both Robert and myself are not quickly made uneasy, later that night while camping at a remote part of the lake we felt there was some presence around. Surrounded by complete darkness after a hopeful supernatural experience does play mind tricks on you, and we both laugh about it now.

As for the rumor that Pope John Paul II would purposely fly around eastern Kansas in order to avoid the satanic grounds, it is completely untrue. Why would he avoid only one of the seven gates of hell? It makes no sense.

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Manhattan offers Halloween activities for children

By Ashley Dunkak and Karen Ingram
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AGGIEVILLE BUSINESSES HOST TRICK-OR-TREATING

From 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, the businesses of Aggieville, many of which usually cater to those 18 or 21 years of age and older, will participate in an event for children: Trick-or-Treat Aggieville.

Pete Anderson, owner of Last Chance, said the Aggieville Business Association sent out a memo about the event and that almost all the business in Aggieville take part. "We participate every year, go to Walmart and load up on candy," Anderson said. He said Last Chance has a dressed-up employee stand outside the establishment and hand out candy so the parents don't have to walk through the bar with their kids.

Varney's contributes to the event as well. Executive assistant Taylor Wilhite said Varney's programs the music and the business's parking lot and sound system are used for the homecoming parade and pep rally, which occur directly after Trick-or-Treat Aggieville.

Varney's will also hand out candy and pumpkins, which they purchase from East and Westside Markets.

"[It's] a good place for kids to go. I used to take my younger brother to it," Wilhite said. She said Varney's has been a part of the community for years and works to support family events in Aggieville as well as catering to college students.

Evan Tuttle, executive director of the ABA, said participation in Trick-or-Treat Aggieville is widespread because businesses have figured out that it benefits them and because the event has been going on for a long time.

"It's a chance for kids to have an extra day to show off their costumes and trick-or-treat in Aggieville," Tuttle said. He said the event allows citizens to get out, celebrate together and show K-State pride.

Anderson said Aggieville is packed during the event. Moro Street will be closed down because so many people will be coming through.

"It's for the kids, something good to do," Anderson said.

SUNSET ZOO HOSTS SPOOKTACULAR

The Sunset Zoo is hosting its annual SPOOKtacular family event this weekend. The event will run on Friday and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. each day. Each year, the zoo tries a different theme for SPOOKtacular. This year's theme is "Legends and Fairytales," and many of the activities are designed with this theme in mind.

Some of the activities include five candy trails, storytelling, dancing and a naming contest for the zoo's two new snow leopard cubs. The zoo will be completely open for the event, giving visitors a chance to see the snow leopards, as well as other new animals, like the sloth bear cubs and Igor the turkey vulture's new friend, Renfield.

"There is a strong K-State element this year," said Allie Lousch, marketing director of the Sunset Zoo. "It's a community event, and when K-State comes to the table, we're so glad."

Volunteers from the K-State Entomology Club will be participating in the Half-way Haunted Trail. K-State's African Dance Ensemble and KSU Tap Ensemble will be teaching people how to dance, as well as putting on performances.

"It's a very fun time," said Julie Pentz, assistant professor of dance. "We did this last



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO
Being coaxed along while trick-or-treating, 2-year-old **Avery Chriswell** peers around her mother, **Jayme Chriswell**, as she takes a second glance at 2-year-old **George Abbott** last halloween at the Jardine Apartments. Prior to trick-or-treating at Jardine Apartments, youngsters had the opportunity to participate in several Halloween activities.

year, so we're really looking forward to it." K-State alumnus Jeremy Thornbraugh is the brainchild behind a couple of fun new activities: the Fairytale Quest and Merlin's Time Machine.

What is Merlin's Time Machine?

"It's a surprise," Lousch said cryptically. The Sunset Zoo decided to have SPOOKtacular this weekend rather than Halloween weekend to allow people to keep other plans, but it has come at a cost: the zoo is

short on volunteers for Saturday because of the Homecoming Game.

"Usually we need to fill about 300 volunteer slots," Lousch said. She said that volunteers usually showed up in costume, adding to the fun. "My favorite volunteer from last year was this guy who showed up in a Winnie the Pooh costume."

For more information on SPOOKtacular, or to volunteer, please visit SunsetZoo.com or call (785)587-2737.

Skimpy Halloween costumes work against feminist ideas

"In the regular world, Halloween is when children dress up in costumes and beg for candy. In 'Girl World,' Halloween is the one night a year when a girl can dress like a total slut, and no other girls can say anything about it"

Cady Heron may have been new to the "real world" in the movie "Mean Girls," but that does not mean she made an inaccurate observation when it came to Halloween attire.

With Halloween coming up in just over a week, we can expect to see a sudden onslaught of scantily clad women walking around Manhattan. This fact brings up several questions, not the least of which is: "Why?"

According to an article in the New York Post, today's culture said "it's right to be slutty on Halloween."

Girls see Halloween as a free pass to become a girl who could never "meet the parents" but could provide a wild ride

of fun and excitement nonetheless. This attitude not only encourages an unfair double standard by deeming acceptable one night what would be considered "trashy" most other nights, but also prevents individuals from thinking creatively and coming up with their own unique costume ideas.

Halloween originally began as part of the religious holiday All Hallows or All Saints Day in the same way that Christmas Eve is a part of Christmas. People used it to prepare for the celebration of all who were good and holy, and would often dress up as their favorite saint, who was inevitably someone people wanted to imitate.

Times have changed, and the holiday is unquestionably secular in today's world. However, many girls appear not to think through the message that their costumes convey to the world.

The onslaught of barely-there costumes indicates that many of the intelligent, involved, well-liked women of K-State and much of the world secretly desire to be nothing more than live sex toys. As proven by the bevy of feminist organizations, female CEOs and laws promoting gender equality, this is simply not an accurate portrayal of women today.

The most disheartening aspect of this costume trend is that it is continued not by chauvinist men but by women themselves. No one forces women to buy the same cliché "sexy costumes" year after year. Nevertheless, Halloween partygoers can count on seeing a plethora of referees, policewomen, playboy bunnies and devils roaming Manhattan next Friday night, all wearing costumes that contain more skin than fabric.

While the temptation to bare all this Halloween may be great, the women of K-State should consider doing something different this Halloween. Instead of flaunting shirts that barely cover the push-up bra separating a girl's nipples from peeking out and surveying the world, think about a costume that shows some personality and is comfortable –and warm – instead.



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SGA

Election policies to be reexamined

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Student Governing Association will reexamine bills providing changes to the SGA election system at Thursday's meeting. Last week, the bills failed to pass together in a senate vote.

Amendments to the SGA bylaws and statutes have returned from the Senate Operations Committee after last week's failed vote. The committee made slight alterations to the bills in preparation for this week's meeting.

According to Amy Schultz, speaker of the student senate, minimal punctuation and grammatical errors were corrected on the statutes bill. A more significant change was made to the bylaws bill, however.

"They changed the removal process of the election commissioner," Schultz said.

Before last week's meeting, there was no provision for the removal of the commissioner. When the flaw was realized, an amendment to the bill allowing for the three heads of the SGA to remove a commissioner with unanimous consent was tacked onto the bill.

"The committee added that the student senate could remove a commissioner with two-thirds of a vote," Schultz said.

The two bills have been the focus of many SGA meetings as the changes have been debated. This week's appearance will mark the second time they have made it to the senate floor.

AMBASSADORS

Candidates reveal what they do outside of school

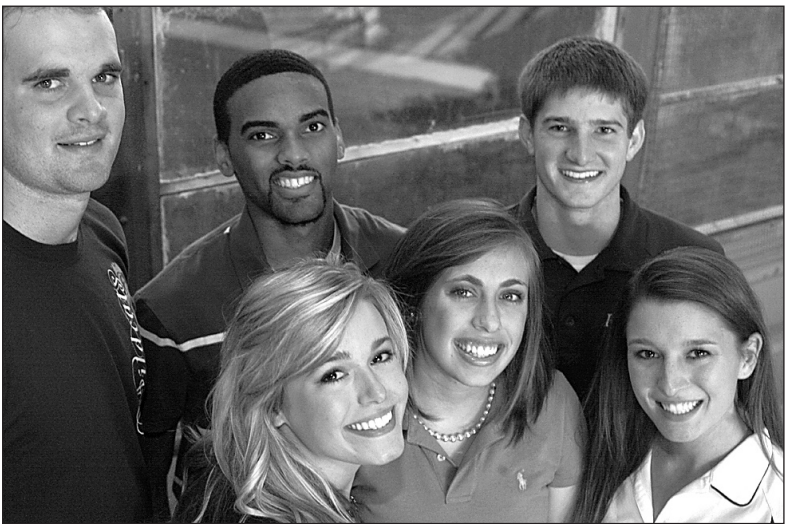
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Snow: Every football game that I've gone to has been fun, every basketball game that I've gone to has been fun, every event with my greek house or my residence hall has been really enjoyable, but it's probably just the experience that you have. Every single game is just larger than life; you look around, there is a sea of purple helicopters flying over, everybody's doing the Wabash and everybody knows the K-State fight song. Just our deep, deep traditions that we experience over and over again, and although they're the same each time they're different.

Hall: It's a people-friendly university. K-State is a big university with a huge student body, and I believe they're really a family-focused university, with a relationship between the students, the alumni and the faculty and staff. And it's very easy to get involved here, easy to make friends – you can't find that at too many universities, where students have a voice.

Tibbetts: I think family is the most important thing we have going for us at K-State. I think it's a feeling you can't really explain to people, you kind of have to have them come and see for themselves, because it's tough to convince people what our family atmosphere provides.

Wilkerson: The relationships – you can go to any university and you can have friendships, but it's the relationships that really count.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN
Robert Tibbetts, Brandon Hall, McKenzie Snow, Jessica Rodriguez, Ryan Wilkerson, and Stephanie Larson (left to right).

And it's relationships with students, it's relationships with alumni, with networking and things-like that, it's relationships with the faculty. My professors give me their home phone numbers, their cell phone numbers, and that's huge. There's not many universities that do that. You have students who you know and even if you're not friends, you still have that relationship, by looking at the ways that K-State students help other students, whether it be the K-State Proud Campaign, whether it be just helping each

other in class, you walk across campus and you can't help but see some smiling faces.

Q: What is something about you that not many people will know?

Larson: I love to play Super Nintendo. One of my favorite things is playing "Yoshi" or "Donkey Kong."

Rodriguez: I'm half Chilean, which I think

is pretty cool. My dad's side of the family is from Chile; it's something that I'm lucky and blessed to have that multicultural side. I think a few kind of quirky things about me that people don't know are that I really love to tap dance and I really love the game "Dance Dance Revolution." Those are just some nerdy things that I like to do.

Snow: I really love the outdoors. I love to go camping and hiking and canoeing, and I think that a lot of students haven't experienced what's all around them in the Manhattan area, like Tuttle Creek and Pillsbury and just the best break from being in the college grind.

Hall: I'm really an outgoing person. I seem quiet but I'm really friendly. I love talking to people. People probably don't know I'm the president of the Black Student Union and stuff like that. And so outside in, if you see me on campus, you probably think I'm just a regular guy because that's what I see myself as. I don't see myself superior over anyone and I really like to mingle with students.

Tibbetts: I'm very interested in a lot of random activities. I enjoy playing golf and racquetball, but I enjoy nice ties, shoes. I like dressing up and going shopping. I do a lot of things you wouldn't normally expect from a fraternity guy. I think something else that really sticks out about me is that I really enjoy traveling.

Wilkerson: I love to backpack, I love to camp, love the outdoors. I think that's something that a lot of people don't know just because they often times don't see me in that aspect.

IFC

Fraternity to impliment new rules to avoid future dangerous incidents

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was responsible for hazing and misuse of alcohol; they imposed sanctions on Phi Delt and will monitor the fraternity until Sept. 1, 2011, Harder said.

"[The IFC] focuses on education and being proactive," he said. "These sanctions are designed to be educational and helpful, not a punishment."

Sanctions include suspension, fines and educational programs for the leadership and membership. The chapter will not be allowed to host social activities, and any violations will result in instant expulsion. The sanctions prohibit any events involving alcohol until February 2011, Harder said.

Pat Bosco, vice president of student life, said the university will do all it can to help Phi Delt meet their goals and stick to the sanctions.

"I think our IFC, student leaders, alumni volunteers and local fraternity chapter did a reasonable job of establishing expectations that are go-

ing to be attainable," Bosco said. "We can grow from what could've been a tragic experience."

Phi Delt President Brad Richardson, senior in mechanical engineering, said the fraternity is implementing new regulations and focusing on important issues to move the chapter past this incident, including risk management, judicial affairs and overall culture. He also said Phi Delt is specifically honing its pledge program to incorporate more alcohol awareness for all incoming pledges.

"We'll be going over this all as a house to make sure students are aware of all the rules of the university, the IFC and even Riley County," he said. "A lot of these pledges are just 18-year-olds who come in and have no idea of the rules, so we're going to work on that."

Richardson said he has received positive feedback from Phi Delt members on the fraternity's future and they are prepared to face any repercussions from the incident and sanctions.

"Yeah, it's going to hurt us a little, there's going to be some adjusting," Harder said. "And we might lose some guys we otherwise could've re-

cruited, but I think that for the type of guys we want, it won't be a problem."

Brandon Cutler, assistant director and fraternity advisor for Greek Affairs, said he supports the decision the IFC made to sanction Phi Delt and respects the way the fraternity has cooperated with authorities throughout the process, even working with local alumni.

"They have a lot of work ahead of them, but they have quality members and an opportunity to grow and improve their chapter," he said. "The future of their fraternity depends on the work they put into the areas they need to improve, and this is definitely a chance to grow."

Richardson said he has seen this incident bring strong leaders out of the woodworks, including many new, young members, who have stepped up and looked into ways to improve the fraternity.

"It does us no good to implement these changes if there's no buy-in with future members," he said. "These younger guys are the ones who are taking over and really shaping the chapter into what it will be down the road."

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WRL features performance from greek house moms, dads

By Melissa Short
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

There are familiar scenes every year at Wildcat Request Live – sparkling costumes, girls being tossed in the air and boys shaking their groove things. This year, though, a new type of performers joined the mix and strutted their stuff for the crowd.

The Greek house moms and dads, usually behind the scenes taking care of their respective houses and keeping their students happy, took center stage last night in front of a packed house at Bramlage Coliseum.

“The moms came to us with the idea, and we thought it would be a fantastic addition to the show,” said Caroline Nyman, WRL co-chair and junior in apparel and textiles.

According to Barb Oplinger, mom of Farmhouse, Sharon Tatge, mom of Pi Beta Phi, came up with the idea to perform, and it wasn’t hard to find other moms eager to join in.

Several Greek moms and even a couple dads, the dads of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha, ended the annual All-University Homecoming talent show with a skit and dance they choreographed themselves.

“We were still changing things last night, so that gives you an idea of how rehearsals went,” said mom Rose Hillis of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

“The housekeeper at Gamma Phi Beta taught us to slide dance, and we all helped make the dance,” Oplinger said.

Gamma Phi Beta’s mom, Pam Risley, wasn’t the only Greek mom with special talent – Hillis has been a part of Bike Across Kansas several times; Pi Kappa Alpha’s dad, Eugene Dedonder, was once a K-State yell leader; and Beta Theta Pi’s mom, Bobbie Lonker, has been taking care of the fraternity for over 20 years. Together, all the performing Greek moms and dads boast 175 years of combined experience in K-State fraternities and sororities.

“These moms and dads have supported their house’s homecoming activities, made snacks, created costumes and encouraged each Homecoming committee,” said Mardell Maxwell, emcee for WRL.

Sorority and fraternity members showed their appreciation by cheering, clapping and chanting for the house moms and dads.

WRL began with performances from the K-State cheer



1. Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Upsilon and Theta Xi perform Wednesday evening at Bramlage Coliseum during Wildcat Request Live.
2. Sigma Kappa, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Alpha perform a dance routine with their Homecoming partners Wednesday evening. The theme of this year’s All-University Homecoming is “Wildcat Frontier.”
3. Gamma Phi Beta, Acacia and Beta Theta Pi blast off into the frontier at Wildcat Request Live.

team, the Classy Cats and a speech by assistant basketball coach Brad Underwood. Each Homecoming group performed for the crowd, with everything from gyrating cowboys to pirouetting aliens and glittering showgirls. Each group had their own unique style and take on the “frontier” theme, and the hard work that went into each

dance was evident. The excitement in Bramlage continued to build with each performance until the grand finale, when Maxwell announced that the house moms and dads were about to take the stage. The crowd roared and cheered as the moms and dads strutted onto the stage outfitted in personalized shirts and cowboy

hats. Willie the Wildcat joined them on stage accompanied by Tage, his date. The moms and dads broke out into a spirited line dance to “Achy Breaky Heart,” causing the crowd to go wild once again. “We will definitely invite the moms and dads to come back,” Nyman said. “It was a really fun way to end the night.”



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